

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 413

By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION congratulating Nicci Moats, member of the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team.

WHEREAS, in a spirited display of athleticism and teamwork, the University of Tennessee Lady Vols once again reign supreme, as they captured the coveted 2007 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by soundly defeating Rutgers University, 59-46; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Pat Summitt, the preeminent basketball coach in all of women's college basketball, the Lady Vols further etched their place in college basketball lore with the victory over the Scarlet Knights before a capacity crowd of mostly orange-clad faithful in Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, challenged by Coach Summitt in her pre-game talk to win for the throngs of faithful Lady Vol followers, the team responded in typical fashion by dominating Rutgers from the game's outset, firmly establishing Tennessee as the most successful basketball program in the history of women's intercollegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, without the diligent work ethic and extraordinary talent of each team member, this astounding victory would not have been possible; one such team member is freshman Nicci Moats of Daleville, Virginia, who plays forward; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Dale and Annette Moats, Ms. Moats graduated from Lord Botetourt High School and is currently majoring in Nursing; and

WHEREAS, before beginning at UT, Ms. Moats helped lead her 16U AAU team, the Elkton Elks, to national finishes of fifth and seventh; she was named to 16U AAU All-America in 2004; and

WHEREAS, beyond her athletic accomplishments, Ms. Moats has distinguished herself as a well-rounded citizen through participation in such worthy extracurricular activities as the National Honor Society, Young Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and her church; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and Lady Vol fans everywhere take great delight in honoring each member of this extraordinary group of young women who have contributed mightily to the successful legacy of University of Tennessee Women's Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Nicci Moats's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful basketball career, but also surely point toward her success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Nicci Moats epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Nicci Moats, forward for the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers 2007 National Championship team, for her hard work and determined play during the 2006-2007 season and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.